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— Paul, J. H.	Overton, Tex.

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— Ashmore, E. L.	Oberlin, La.
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C. W. Campbell.	Alternate, C. K. Woodson.
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Standing Committees.

MISSIONS.—The Presiding Elders, P. J. Robidoux, Julian Woodson, J. G. Campbell.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—C. W. Campbell, C. E. Mock, P. C. Chaney.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—John H. Paul, E. L. Wells, Jean La-Grone.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.—The Presiding Elders and J. G. Campbell.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION.—C. W. Campbell, Julian Woodson, Lastie Hoffpauir.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION AND TRACTS.—John H. Paul, P. J. Robidoux, H. H. McCain.

BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS.—C. K. Woodson.

TO AUDIT PRESIDING ELDERS' AND TREASURERS' ACCOUNTS.—P. J. Robidoux, C. E. Mock, L. W. Elkins.

EDUCATION.—C. K. Woodson, Julian Woodson, J. W. Lively, John H. Paul, J. G. Campbell.

TEMEPRANCE.—F. D. Van Valkenburg, C. W. Campbell.

PERIODICALS.—C. W. Campbell, F. D. Van Valkenburgh.

EPWORTH LEAGUES.—L. W. Elkins, C. W. Campbell, Julian Woodson.

TO PUBLISH MINUTES.—The Secretaries.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—J. W. Lively, G. B. Hines, C. A. King.

MEMOIRS.—For I. N. Pardee: L. W. Elkins, J. G. Campbell, C. A. King. For P. H. Sanders: John H. Paul, J. W. Lively.

Afternoon and Evening Services.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES WERE HELD DURING CONFERENCE:

WEDNESDAY, 7:30.—Church Extension Anniversary. Addressed by M. S. Hard, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society.

THURSDAY, 3:00.—Woman's Home Missionary Society. Addressed by Mrs. D. L. Williams, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

THURSDAY, 7:30.—Sermon preached by H. O. Moore.

FRIDAY, 7:30.—Bishop Joyce gave an intensely interesting address on "Our Mission Work in Japan, Korea and China," where he had recently spent two years.



Journal.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY.

MARSHALL, TEX., Feb. 1, 1900.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.—The Gulf Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in its Fourth Annual Session in Hains' Hall, Marshall, Texas, Feb. 1, 1900, Bishop I. W. Joyce, D. D., presiding.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—The Bishop read a lesson from the 53rd Chapter of Isaiah, and a lesson from the 26th Chapter of Matthew, announced hymn 214, and proceeded with the administration of the Lord's Supper, assisted by Rev. C. A. King, after which hymn 724 was sung.

ROLL CALL.—The Secretary of the last session, C. K. Woodson, called the roll of the Conference, and the following members responded to their names: C. W. Campbell, J. G. Campbell, L. W. Elkins, C. A. King, J. W. Lively, P. J. Robidoux, C. K. Woodson and Julian Woodson. The following Probationers responded to their names: L. Hoffpauir, C. E. Mock and John H. Paul. When the names of I. N. Pardee and P. H. Sanders were called, it was announced that they had passed to their rewards during the year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—On motion of J. W. Lively, L. W. Elkins was elected Secretary and John H. Paul was chosen as his assistant. On motion of C. A. King, C. W. Campbell was elected Statistical Secretary and F. D. Van Valkenburgh was chosen as his assistant. On motion of J. W. Lively, C. K. Woodson was elected Conference Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—The Presiding Elders nominated the

Standing Committees, and they were approved by the Conference. (See list.) On motion of J. W. Lively, the apportionment for the Episcopal Fund was referred to the Presiding Elders for distribution to the charges.

TO FIX THE TIME.—On motion of C. K. Woodson, the time for opening the regular sessions was fixed at 8:30 a. m., and the closing at 12 m., the first half hour to be spent in Devotional exercises.

THIRTEENTH QUESTION.—The thirteenth question was taken up, and C. A. King, Presiding Elder of Lake Charles District, was called, his character passed, and he reported his District.

INTRODUCTIONS.—The following named persons were introduced by the Bishop to the Conference: Rev. M. B. C. Mason, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society; Rev. W. H. Logan and Rev. A. Williams, of the Texas Conference; Rev. H. O. Moore and Rev. J. T. James, of the M. E. Church, South; Rev. C. W. Jones, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Marshall, Tex.; Rev. J. H. Calloway, of the Free Methodist Church, and Mrs. D. L. Williams, of Delaware, Ohio, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

THIRTEENTH QUESTION RESUMED.—The thirteenth question was resumed, and J. W. Lively, Presiding Elder of Marshall District was called, his character passed and he reported his District. The list of committees was called, announcements made, the Doxology sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY.

MARSHALL, TEX., Feb. 2, 1900.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—The devotional exercises were conducted by L. W. Elkins from 8:30 a. m. to 9 a. m.

JOURNAL APPROVED.—The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

DELINQUENTS.—The names of the charges which had not sent in their reports were called.

THIRTEENTH QUESTION.—The thirteenth question was resumed and the following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their benevolent collections and their work: C. K. Woodson, C. W. Campbell, L. W. Elkins, J. G. Campbell, P. J. Robidoux, Julian Woodson, F. D. Van Valkenburgh.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.—The Bishop presented the following nominations for the Conference Board of Stewards, and they were confirmed by the Conference: J. W. Lively, F. D. Van Valkenburgh, J. G. Campbell, Julian Woodson, L. W. Elkins.

REPORTS.—The following charges were called and reported by their pastors: Lavonia, N. L. Sayers; Mahon, J. T. Ragsdale; Provincial, Jean La Grone; Texas City, E. L. Wells; Hortense, J. L. Wyche; La Port, T. C. Barkuloo; Jefferson and Overton, J. Paul; Beaumont Circuit, A. Plummer. The following charges were called, but no reports were given: Baldwin, Shrevesport, State Line, West Harrison, Rodessa, False River.

TWENTY-SECOND QUESTION.—The twenty-second question was taken up, and E. L. Wells and P. C. Chaney were called, their characters passed, and E. L. Wells was placed on the effective list.

P. A. DROWN TRANSFERRED.—The fourteenth question was taken up, and the Bishop announced the transfer of P. A. Drown from the Gulf Mission Conference to the Central Ohio Conference.

CONTINUED ON TRIAL.—The fifth question was taken up, and H. G. Scuddy, (excused from the studies of the first year,) E. L. Ashmore and H. H. McCain were continued on trial in the studies of the first year. John H. Paul passed in his studies and was advanced to the studies of the second year. L. Hoffpauir and C. E. Mock were continued in the studies of the second year.

PLACE FOR THE NEXT CONFERENCE.—The thirtieth question was called, and Jennings, La. and Marshall, Tex. were placed in nomination for the place of holding the next Conference, and Jennings was chosen.

GAVEL PRESENTED.—J. W. Lively, in behalf of the church at

Marshall, presented to the Bishop a Bois d'Arc gavel made by the Master Mechanic of the Texas Pacific railway, stating that it has been fifty-six years since a Bishop of the M. E. church has presided over a white Conference in east Texas. The Bishop responded in a few well chosen sentences, congratulating our Conference and expressing a hope for a bright future for our work.

RAILROAD SECRETARY.—S. T. Cross was requested by the Conference to act as Railroad Secretary.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS' FUNDS.—J. G. Campbell and L. W. Elkins were appointed a committee to look after and secure the funds of the Conference Board of Stewards in the hands of I. N. Pardee at the last Conferernce.

BOOK ACCOUNTS PAID.—On motion of C. A. King, it was ordered that the accounts with the Western Book Concern of Walter Zimmerman (deceased) \$12 and P. H. Sanders (deceased) \$17 be paid out of the Conference Claimants' Funds.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.—J. G. Campbell and F. D. Van-Valkenburgh were appointed a committee on Resolutions and requested to bring in a resolution touching on the work of Mrs. D. L. Williams, secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS.—L. W. Elkins was appointed to arrange with the estate of I. N. Pardee, for the settlement of his account with the Western Methodist Book Concern at Chicago.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—The fourth question was taken up and N. L. Sayers, recommended by the Lavonia quarterly conference, was admitted on trial, and excused from the studies of the first year.

RECEIVED ON CREDENTIALS.—The third question was taken up and H. O. Moore and J. T. James were received on their credentials from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as traveling elders in the Gulf Mission Conference.

RECOGNITION OF ORDERS.—The twenty-first question was taken up, and the Orders of A. C. Burt, a deacon of the M. E. Church, South, were recognized.

Announcements were made, the Doxology sung, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY.

MARSHALL, TEXAS, Feb. 3, 1900.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—The devotional exercises were conducted by F. D. Van Valkenburgh from 8:30 a. m. to 9 a. m.

JOURNAL APPROVED.—The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

SUPERNUMERARY.—The twenty-second question was resumed and P. C. Chaney, at his own request, was continued in the super-numerary relation.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—The fourth question was resumed and Jean La Grone, recommended by the Pineville quarterly conference, having passed in his studies, and being favorably represented by his presiding elder, was admitted on trial.

COMMITTEES REPORT.—The committee on Sabbath Observance, and Sunday School Union and Tracts, reported and their reports were adopted. (See report.)

INTRODUCTION.—A. Wilkinson of the Indiana conference was introduced to the Conference.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT.—C. K. Woodson, chairman of the commission appointed at the Conference session of 1899 to confer with a similar commission from the Austin conference looking to the establishing a school, reported and the report was adopted. (See report.)

The essential parts of the report were ordered published in the Journal, and a copy of the entire report placed on file with the Conference papers.

TO EDIT REPORTS.—The Secretaries were authorized to edit all reports for publication in the Journal.

TRUSTEES OF ALVIN COLLEGE.—The following were elected trustees of Alvin College: S. D. Anderson, M. L. Ward, O. E. Oleander, C. A. King, W. A. Dennis, H. G. Breed, W. R. Kimmins, W. B. Bair, F. A. Haas, W. W. Jennings, J. J. Shirley, O. S. Cummins and C. K. Woodson.

SEMINARY.—On motion of J. W. Lively, a committee of three was appointed to consider the location of a Seminary within the

bounds of Marshall District, and J. W. Lively, Julian Woodson and J. T. James were appointed on that committee.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.—The committee on Temperance reported and the report was adopted. (See report.)

ELECTION TO ORDER.—The eleventh question was taken up, and John H. Paul was elected to Deacons' Order under the "Missionary Rule."

RECEIVED ON CREDENTIALS.—The third question was resumed and G. B. Hines was received on his credentials as a deacon from the M. E. Church, South, and placed in the studies of the third year.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.—The Secretary read communications from the Hammond, Litcher, and St. Charles Avenue quarterly conference of Louisiana conference expressing their desire to be placed in the Gulf Mission Conference.

GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMORIALIZED.—On motion of L. W. Elkins, the General Conference was memorialized to place all the white English and French speaking work in the state of Louisiana, in the Gulf Mission Conference.

DRAFT PRESENTED.—The Bishop presented a draft for \$56.00 from the Book Concern dividends to this Conference, and the draft was passed to J. W. Lively, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards.

TRIALS OF APPEALS.—The Bishop announced and the Conference confirmed the following as triers of appeals: C. A. King, J. W. Lively, Julian Woodson, J. G. Campbell, J. T. James, L. W. Elkins and F. D. Van Valkenburgh.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.—The memorial service for I. N. Pardee and P. H. Sanders was appointed for Sunday at 3 p. m.

F. A. AND S. E. S. COMMITTEE REPORT.—The committee on F. A. and S. E. S. reported, and the report was adopted. (See report.)

PUBLISHER'S REPORT.—C. K. Woodson, publisher of the minutes of the last Conference, presented his report and the report was approved. (See report.)

SUBSCRIPTIONS TAKEN.—Subscriptions for publishing the minutes of this session were taken as follows: C. W. Campbell, \$2.00; L. W. Elkins, \$2.00; Lastie Hoffpauir, \$1.00; C. A. King, \$3.00; J. W. Lively, \$3.00; C. E. Mock, \$1.00; John H. Paul, \$2.00;

P. J. Robidoux, \$2.00; C. K. Woodson, \$3.00; Julian Woodson, \$1.00; F. D. Van Valkenburgh, \$2.00; E. L. Wells, \$1.00; H. O. Moore, \$1.00; J. T. James, \$1.00; Jean La Grone, \$1.00; A. Wilkinson, \$1.00; N. L. Sayers, \$.50; H. H. McCain, \$1.00; G. W. Bruce, \$1.00; J. A. Christian, \$1.00; G. B. Hines, \$2.00; N. A. Shows, \$1.00; Jay Cronk, \$1.00; J. G. Campbell, \$2.00; J. F. Ross, \$2.00; J. L. Wyche, \$1.00; Thos. Wilson, \$1.00.

PERIODICALS.—The committee on Periodicals reported and the report was adopted. (See report.)

Announcements were made, the Doxology sung, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. T. James.

FOURTH DAY, SUNDAY.

MARSHALL, TEXAS, Feb. 4, 1900.

LOVE FEAST.—The Conference Love Feast began at 9:30 a. m. C. A. King presided. The testimonies of the ministers and laymen evidenced loyalty to the church, strong faith, abiding trust, with a bright outlook for the future.

BISHOP'S SERMON.—At 11 o'clock Bishop Joyce opened the public service. He chose for his text, I John 5:4, "And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." The sermon was clear, comprehensive, and deeply spiritual, holding the audience in wrapt attention for more than an hour.

ORDINATION SERVICE.—At the conclusion of the sermon, Bishop Joyce ordained to the Order of Deacon, John H. Paul.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.—The memorial service was held at 3 o'clock. J. W. Lively presided. Two had died during the year, I. N. Pardee, an effective elder, and P. H. Sanders, a probationer of the first year. L. W. Elkins read the memoir of I. N. Pardee, and J. W. Lively read the memoir of P. H. Sanders. Several of the brethren spoke feelingly of these departed brothers.

SUNDAY EVENING.—J. G. Campbell preached the missionary sermon.

FIFTH DAY, MONDAY.

MARSHALL, TEXAS, Feb. 5, 1930.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—The devotional exercises were conducted by J. T. James from 8:30 a. m. to 9:00 a. m.

JOURNAL APPROVED.—The Journal of Saturday's session was read and approved.

ENABLING ACT.—On motion of C. A. King, C. K. Woodson and the Secretaries were appointed a committee to draw up a resolution asking the General Conference to pass an enabling act in favor of this Conference.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.—The twenty-sixth question was taken up, and the Treasurer announced the aggregate of the benevolent collections of the Conference for this year to be \$548.00.

MEMOIRS.—The memoirs read yesterday were approved and ordered printed in the Journal.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.—The following committees reported and their reports were adopted: Education, Church Extension, State of the Church, Epworth Leagues, Auditors, Book Accounts, Treasurer, Statistical Secretary. (See reports.)

The Bishop announced the following appointments: To preach the missionary sermon, C. W. Campbell. Alternate, C. K. Woodson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.—C. K. Woodson, L. W. Elkins, C. W. Campbell, F. D. Van Valkenburgh, Julian Woodson, J. G. Campbell, Thomas Wilson, H. O. Moore.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.—President, Pastor at Lake Charles; Vice President, E. Hammond; Secretary, L. W. Elkins; Treasurer, G. M. King. Additional members, S. A. Knapp, Willis Webber, C. K. Woodson, C. W. Campbell. Presiding Elders, ex officio members of the Board.

BOUNDARIES.—The following were appointed a committee on boundaries: C. A. King, J. W. Lively, Julian Woodson, C. K. Woodson, L. W. Elkins.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.—The Bishop presented the following Certificate of Ordination:

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

*This certifies, that Sunday, February 4, 1900,
in Marshall, Texas, I ordained
John H. Paul
a deacon, in the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

Signed,

Isaac W. Joyce.

Marshall, Texas, February 5, 1900.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.—The Temperance committee submitted an additional report, which was adopted. (See report.)

The Bishop gave an interesting address on Christian holiness.

On motion of C. A. King, the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m. The Doxology was sung and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—The Bishop conducted the devotional exercises. The Journal of the morning's session was read and approved.

MISSION REPORT.—The Mission committee reported, the Bishop concurred, and the report was approved.

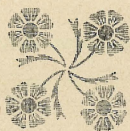
RESOLUTIONS.—The Committee on Resolutions submitted the Resolutions and they were adopted. (See resolutions.)

FINANCIAL AGENT.—On motion of C. K. Woodson, the Bishop was requested to appoint C. A. King, Financial Agent of Alvin College.

On motion of C. K. Woodson, it was ordered that after the reading of the Journal of the afternoon session, and the appointments, the Conference stand adjourned. Question twenty-nine was called, "Where are the preachers stationed?" the appointments read and the Conference stood adjourned SINE DIE. (See appointments.)

Attest: ISAAC W. JOYCE, President.

L. W. ELKINS, Secretary.



Disciplinary Questions.

1.—Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences?

None.

2.—Who have been readmitted?

None.

3.—Who have been received on credentials and from what churches?

Henry O. Moore and John T. James as Elders from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and George B. Hines as a Deacon from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. 3.

4.—Who have been received on trial?

(a) In studies of the first year, Newton L. Sayers and Jean La Grone. 2.

5.—Who have been continued on trial?

(a) In studies of the first year, Hugh G. Scuddy, (excused from the studies of the first year) Ellery L. Ashmore and Henry H. McCain. 3.

(b) In studies of second year, John H. Paul, Lastie Hoffpauir and Charles E. Mock. 3.

6.—Who have been discontinued?

None.

7.—Who have been admitted into full membership?

None.

8.—What members are in the studies of the third year?

George B. Hines. 1.

9.—What members are in the studies of the fourth year?

None.

10.—What members have completed the Conference course of study?

None.

11.—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?

John H. Paul, under the Missionary Rule.

12.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders?

None.

13.—Was the character of each Preacher examined?

This was strictly done as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

14.—Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?

P. A. Drown to Central Ohio Conference.

15.—Who have died?

I. N. Pardee and P. H. Sanders.

16.—Who have been located at their own requests?

None.

17.—Who have been located?

None.

18.—Who have withdrawn?

None.

19.—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints.

None.

20.—Who have been expelled?

None.

21.—What other personal notation should be made?

The Orders of A. C. Burt, a Deacon of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were recognized.

22.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

P. C. Chaney.

23.—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

None.

24.—Who are the Triers of Appeals?

C. A. King, J. W. Lively, Julian Woodson, J. G. Campbell, J. T. James, L. W. Elkins, F. D. Van Valkenburgh.

25.—What is the statistical report this year?

(See tabulated statement.)

26.—What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

\$548.00

27.—What are the claims on the Conference funds?

\$79.00.

28.—What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?

\$79.00 which has been applied under order of the Conference.

29.—Where are the Preachers stationed?

(See appointments.

30.—Where shall the next Conference be held?

Jennings, La.



Resolutions.

Resolved, That we commend the Woman's Home Missionary society of the M. E. Church and appreciate the address of Mrs. D. L. Miller and bid her God speed in this grand work.

Resolved, That we are greatly blessed in the presence of our beloved President, Bishop Joyce.

Resolved, That our prayers shall continually ascend for the continued welfare of the Pastor and people of Marshall, who during our stay have so royally ministered to our comfort.

F. D. VAN VALKENBURGH.

Appointments.

The names in brackets are supplies. The names in small capitals are probationers. The names in Roman letters are Conference members. The figures before the name of the charge is the number of appointments. The figures before the Preacher's name indicates the year of service entered upon in the charge.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT.

1. Presiding Elder,	1. J. G. Campbell,	Lake Charles, La.
2. Baldwin,	To be supplied.	
3. Beaumont Circuit,	1. J. L. Wyche,	Beaumont, Tex.
4. Crowley,	3. C. W. Campbell,	Crowley, La.
5. Ebenezer,	2. LASTIE HOFFPAUIR,	Ebenezer, La.
6. French Mission.	8. P. J. Robidoux,	Crowley, La.
7. Gueydan and Mid.,	2. [J. F. Ross,]	Estherwood, La.
8. High Isl'd and W.,	1. [A. Plummer,]	
9. Jennings,	3. L. W. Elkins,	Jennings, La.
10. Lake Charles,	To be supplied.	
11. Lake View,	To be supplied.	
12. La Port,	2. [C. T. Barkuloo,]	La Port, Tex.
13. Neame and DeRid.,	2. Thos. Wilson,	Neame, La.
14. Oberlin Circuit,	1. E. L. ASHMORE,	Oberlin, La.
15. Port Arthur,	1. F. D. Van Valkenburgh,	Port Arthur, Tex
16. Raymond.	1. E. L. Wells,	Raymond, La.
17. Texas City,	To be supplied.	Texas City, Tex.
18. Welsh Circuit,	4. [A. Wilkinson,]	Lake Charles, La.

19. Alvin College, 1. C. K. Woodson, President. and member of Port Arthur Quarterly Conference. Post Office address, Alvin, Tex.
20. Financial Agent of Alvin College, 1. C. A. King, and member of Lake Charles Quarterly Conference. Post Office address Lake Charles, La.

MARSHALL AND RED RIVER DISTRICT.

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| 22. Presiding Elder, | 3. J. W. Lively, | Marshall, Tex. |
| 23. Atlanta, | 1. Julian Woodson, | Atlanta, Tex. |
| 24. Beckville, | To be supplied. | |
| 25. Bivens, | To be supplied. | |
| 26. Clayton, | 1. [W. T. Timmons,] | Clayton, Tex. |
| 27. Hortense, | To be supplied. | |
| 28. Hughes Springs, | To be supplied. | |
| 29. Jefferson and N., | 1. J. T. James, | Marshall, Tex. |
| 30. Lavonia, | 1. JEAN LA GRONE, | Rosedale, La. |
| 31. Marshall, | 2. G. B. Hines. | Marshall, Tex. |
| 32. Overton, | 1. JOHN H. PAUL, | Overton, Tex. |
| 33. Plaquimine Bayou, | 1. N. L. SAYERS, | Knowlton, La. |
| 34. Pineville, | 1. [J. A. Christian,] | Pineville, La. |
| 35. Provincial, | 1. [G. W. Bruce,] | Provincial, La. |
| 36. Shelbyville Circ't. | 1. H. O. Moore, | Shelbyville, Tex. |
| 37. Shelbyville, Mis., | To be supplied. | |
| 38. State Line, | 1. [J. F. Ragsdale,] | Longstreet, La. |
| 39. West Harrison, | 1. [J. M. Black,] | Atlanta, Tex. |
| 40. Woodville, | 1. C. E. MOCK, | Woodville, Tex. |
| 41. { Wynn, | 2. H. H. McCAIN, | St. Maurice, La. |
| { " , | 1. [N. A. Shows,] | St. Maurice, La. |
| 42. Conference Evangelist, | 1. H. G. SCUDDY, | Tyler, Tex., and member of Marshall Quarterly Conference. |

Reports.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education has aided 1825 students in 134 schools. Since the beginning in 1873, 8990 students representing 26 nationalities in the United States have been aided.

We rejoice in the fact that we now have a school of our own in Alvin College located at Alvin, Tex., half way between Houston and Galveston on the Sante Fe railroad, in which our people should become interested and their sympathies enlisted; therefore, we pledge ourselves to bring its needs and advantages before our people, and urge their support and hearty cooperation in all things pertaining to the welfare of the school.

We recommend further, that the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) be apportioned to the various charges of this Conference and that an urgent appeal be made to meet this appointment.

We also recommend that the collection taken for public education now in the hands of the Conference Treasurer be turned over as last year to Baldwin Academy.

We respectfully request Bishop Joyce to appoint Chas. K. Woodson as President of Alvin College.

CHAS. K. WOODSON,
JOHN. H. PAUL.

ALVIN COLLEGE.

We, the commission appointed at the last session of the Gulf Mission Conference to act with a similar commission raised by the

Austin Conference looking toward the locating of a school of high grade some where on the gulf coast, respectfully report as follows: whereas,

The Austin Conference commission on last March, 1899, met at Alvin, Tex., and accepted the proposition of the people of Alvin and located Alvin College under certain conditions, which had not been complied with fully up to the session of the Austin Conference, Dec. 14, 1899, and whereas,

The Austin Conference on Dec. 19, 1899, appointed another commission to enquire into the affairs of Alvin College, and this commission met at Alvin, Tex., Jan. 17, 1900, and upon satisfactory security being given, the proposition of the Alvin people was accepted and the school located as a college of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Gulf Mission Conference commission concurring; therefore,

We recommend that this Conference ratify and approve the action of the joint commission and accept Alvin College as a school of the Methodist Episcopal Church under the joint control and patronage of the Austin Conference and Gulf Mission Conference, to do the work of a college under the laws of the state of Texas, made and provided for such institutions and such other provisions as are specified and provided for in the charter and by-laws of Alvin College.

Commission. { CHAS. K. WOODSON,
CYRUS A. KING,
J. W. LIVELY.

ACTION OF JOINT COMMISSION.

The joint commission of the Austin and Gulf Mission Conferences met at Alvin, Texas, Jan. 17, 1900, and accepted the proposition of the Alvin people, viz:—Two school buildings and furniture, and other property, total valuation \$45,000, and located and established Alvin College as a college of the Methodist Episcopal Church under the joint control of the Austin and Gulf Mission Conferences.

Joint Commissioners. { GEORGE MACADAM, Fort Worth, Tex.
HARVEY WEBB, Fort Worth, Tex.
W. A. COOPER, San Antonio, Tex.
JAMES W. LIVELY, Marshall, Tex.
CYRUS A. KING, Lake Charles, La.
CHARLES K. WOODSON, Alvin, Tex.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Five million people in the south can neither read nor write. Since the close of the war our church has expended within our borders twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000), and has today 600,429 members here, 341,168 of these being white. In our church schools here are 10,000 students. We would urge that we of the southern conferences should not only be friends to this truly beneficial work among us, but that we should be its enthusiastic supporters. We pray God to hasten the day when Christian schools that recognize God as supreme and the Bible as His inspired word, shall dot our land from north to south and east to west, when our people, educated to a broader citizenship, a closer love and fellowship for one another and a deeper love and consecration to Almighty God, shall take their place in the van of Christian civilization and bring the world to Christ.

JULIAN WOODSON.

PERIODICALS.

Every Methodist Preacher ought to be a distributor of good literature. He cannot otherwise be faithful to his people or the publishing interests of the church. We especially regret that within our bounds, religious papers, cheap and weak, hold the place rightly belonging to our own literature, better in most respects than any published by private enterprise and for individual profit. We earnestly hope that all our Pastors and members of official boards will take the Central Christian Advocate or some other of our own official papers. We commend the healthy religious tone and the newsy columns of the Epworth Herald to all our young people. Let us cultivate intelligent piety by a full use of the gigantic agencies of our publishing house and bring ourselves to a full appreciation of these aids so easily within our reach.

C. W. CAMPBELL,

F. D. VAN VALKENBURGH.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

1.—We recognize in the Sunday school one of the most important factors in the religious and educational life not only of our age, but of ages to come, since the Sunday school teaches the Bible and brings the gospel to vast multitudes in the respective periods of childhood.

For several good reasons we recommend the use of the literature supplied by the Methodist Episcopal Church. Great care should be exercised in the selection of teachers. We hope the time is not far distant when every teacher in our Sunday schools shall be a professed follower of Jesus Christ, with a living experience.

2.—The Tract society of the Methodist Episcopal Church aids in the circulation of religious literature, particularly in the form of tracts and leaflets throughout the entire world. It is circulating literature in at least twelve languages in the United States alone, and in more than twenty languages in foreign lands. We recommend that our Pastors send to the Book Concern for the catalogue of tracts, which will be sent free to all who apply.

One half the amount given for the support of the tract society will be returned in tracts, upon application, to the congregation that gives, and they may receive more in case of emergency. The above benevolent enterprise we recommend to the prayers and support of Pastors and congregations.

JOHN H. PAUL,
P. J. ROBIDOUX.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The first day that man lived was the Sabbath; hence it is much older than Mosaic ceremonies. Sabbath observance, like the rest of the moral law, was grafted into the law of love. We are not to be in bondage to the law, because the son of man is Lord of the Sabbath. We are to keep the day according to the New Testament standard, and in such a spirit that we will enjoy keeping it.

We deplore the fact that railroad companies and other great corporations in our Christian land have so arranged their business that thousands of laborers are almost forced to violate God's law, a multitude of travelers are tempted by the excursion trains, etc., to desecrate that sacred day, while others are led to disobey God by patronizing the different forms of Sunday traffic.

While we agree that works of mercy and necessity may be performed on the Sabbath day, we resolve as a Conference of ministers, to hold up the true standard of Sabbath observance by precept and example, and we invite all lovers of peace and liberty to do the same.

JOHN H. PAUL,
JEAN LA GRONE.

TEMPERANCE.

Our proper course towards all forms of all alcohol is "Touch not, taste not, handle not, the unclean thing." The arch fiend of hell put in operation the American saloon. It stands a resort for ruffians, a breeder of crime, an open door to hell. Our church stands as ever in the past, the determined antagonist of this evil.

We advise our people to heed the good advice of Bishop McCabe and join in the effort to secure a million signatures to an agreement to vote in solid phalynx for its utter overthrow; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Gulf Mission Conference, unite in petitioning bishops, ministers, editors, anti-saloon superintendents, young people's societies and temperance people every where, to join hands with the Million Voter's League of the Young People's Christian Temperance Union for the overthrow of the saloon in our nation.

F. D. VANVALKENBURGH.

EPWORTH LEAGUES.

We rejoice to know that Chapters are in active operation in the following charges, viz: Jennings, Crowley, Lake Charles, Ray-

mond and Ebenezer. We urge upon all our Pastors the importance of having an Epworth League in each charge and as nearly as possible one at every preaching place. We would recommend that proper organization of the districts be effected early in the year and conventions held.

L. W. ELKINS,
C. W. CAMPBELL.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Believing as we do that it is the purpose of God to use the church as the great uplifting, evangelizing and saving agency in the world, we see the pressing demand for renewed consecration and industry. We believe that portion of the church which we serve has a personal call to seek out and save the souls and bodies of men in this section of our great country. It is with deep regret that we confess that we are not doing what we ought to do, and what we must do if we measure up to our responsibilities. As a Conference we should move hand in hand in our great work, and in every way seek to return to the old time zeal and power of our fathers, and preserve the old time power and efficiency of our doctrine and experience. May it please the great head of the church to seal us anew to his service, and make our church and Conference and people a great blessing to this country.

J. W. LIVELY,
C. A. KING.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The collections for this cause up to Nov. 1 aggregated \$501. To this our Conference adds \$144, making a total of \$645. Eleven churches within our bounds have received aid by donations, amounting to \$2250 and loans of \$1575. We are asked this year for \$200 collections and \$1000 are apportioned to us. This means that for every dollar raised by collections, five are granted for our use.

Surely every Pastor will have the hearty cooperation of every member in his earnest endeavor to meet such an offer as this with a full collection.

C. W. CAMPBELL,
C. E. MOCK.

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARY MONEY.

RECEIVED FROM MISSION BOARD.

For English speaking work.....	\$1800.
For French speaking work....	600.

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder.....	\$ 125.
Lake Charles.....	50.
Lake View.....	50.
La Port.....	50.
Neame and DeRidder.....	40.
Oberlin.....	50.
Port Arthur.....	140.
Raymond.....	50.
Texas City.....	25.
Welsh.....	50.
Beaumont.....	50.
Ebenezer.....	50.
High Island.....	50.
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English work.....	\$770.
French Mission to Pastor in charge.....	450.
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Total.....	\$1220.

MARSHALL AND RED RIVER DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder.....	\$ 250
Marshall.....	50
Beckville.....	25
Bivins.....	60
Hughes Springs.....	50
Clayton.....	50
Jefferson and Noonday.....	75
Lavonia (French work).....	75
Overton.....	75
Plaquemine (French work).....	75
Pineville.....	50
Provincial.....	40
Shelbyville Mission.....	75
Wynn.....	60
State Line.....	60
Hortense.....	50
Woodville.....	60
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Total.....	\$1180
Lake Charles District English and French.....	\$1220
Marshall and Red River District English and French.....	1180
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Grand Total.....	\$2400

JULIAN WOODSON, Secretary of the Committee.

AUDITORS' REPORT,

We, your committee have carefully examined the accounts placed in our hands and report as follows:

The accounts of the Treasurer are correct.

The account of the Publishers of last year's Journal is correct.

The accounts of the Presiding Elders are correct. (They explaining to the satisfaction of the Conference, their lack of vouchers in certain cases.)

P. J. ROBIDOUX,
C. E. MOCK,
L. W. ELKINS.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

MARSHALL, TEXAS, Feb. 5, 1900.

Chas. K. Woodson in account with the Gulf Mission Conference.

	DR.	CR.
To Subscriptions.....	\$42.85	
To Advertising.....	18.00	
By balance due on last year's account.....		\$ 8.85
By printing 500 copies of Journal.....		41.80
By express and postage.....		5.85
By stationery and drayage.....		2.35
By balance on Conference trunk.....		1.50
By cash on hand.....		.50
	<u>\$60.85</u>	<u>\$60.85</u>

MEMOIR OF REV. I. N. PARDEE.

Rev. Ira Nichols Pardee, D. D., was born in Kingston, N. Y., July 29, 1840, and died in Jennings, La., March 9, 1899. He was converted when but eleven years of age, and joined the M. E. Church. At nineteen years of age he entered the ministry in the Wyoming conference. The same year he was married to Miss Mary Winchell, of Housatonicville, Mass. After about twelve years service in the Wyoming conference he moved west and served the following charges: First M. E. Church, Omaha, Neb., First Church, Ft. Dodge, Iowa, Superintendent of Dakota Mission, Presiding Elder of Mitchell District, Dakota, Financial Agent of Dakota University, Pastor First M. E. Church, Sioux City, Iowa, Chancellor of the University of the Northwest, (and other positions not known to the writer.) In July, 1895, he became Pastor of the M. E. Church in Jennings, La., which position he held till Feb. 1898, when he was appointed Temperance Agent for the Gulf Mission Conference, and was reappointed to this position in 1899.

Some weeks before the Conference of 1899, he had an attack of

La Grippe, and was so feeble during the Conference that he could only attend long enough to make his report. Soon after Conference a complication of diseases set in and soon it was apparent that his work was done. On the 9th of March, precisely at 12 noon, the weary wheels of life stood still, and his immortal spirit winged its flight to become a peer of the first born sons of light. His last days were days of peace. Rationality blessed him down to the last hour, then he fell asleep in Jesus, as sweetly as a babe falls asleep in the arms of its mother.

L. W. ELKINS.

MEMOIR OF REV. P. H. SANDERS.

Rev. Patrik Henry Sanders was born in Bossier parish, La., June 22, 1850. He was converted in May, 1883. Licensed to preach in 1888. In Feb. 1898, he was admitted on trial in the Gulf Mission Conference, and appointed to Atlanta charge, where he was a faithful Pastor. At the last session of Conference he was appointed to Rodessa Mission which he served with great zeal and faithfulness until he was prostrated by sickness in August. He lingered until the 21st of September, when death relieved his sufferings and removed him from the church below to the church triumphant. His death was that of a true soldier of the cross. In his death he witnessed to the great salvation he preached and lived among men. We had no truer among us than he. He was a man of remarkable courage and fearlessness. He had deep convictions and lived up to them. He knew no compromise with sin. Our Conference has lost a noble man, a fearless soldier, a true Christian, and a faithful Minister.

He leaves a wife, three children and a multitude of friends to mourn their loss. May we embalm his memory with us and preserve a tender love for so good, so true and faithful a man. May we reverence his name and emulate his virtues. Peace be to his ashes.

J. W. LIVELY.

STATISTICS No. 1, Lake Charles District, Gulf Mission Conference for 1900.

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CHARGES.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.			BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	No. of Probationers.	No. full Members	No. of local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. adults Baptized	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Pd bldg and impvg Ch, Parsgs	Pd old debt on Ch Property.	Prest Indebted's Ch. Property.
Baldwin	13	27		1	3	10	3	14	75	1	600	1	2000	600		215
Beaumont Circuit	3	108		1			1	13	107	1	4000	1	700	85		
Crowley	10	179			10		1	10	110	1	1500	1		130		
Ebenezer	4	122		1	4											
French Mission		45	1		5		1	6	45							
Gueydan and Midland	3	26		1												
Hortense	16	138	1	3	4	5	1	18	140	1	3000			14		
Jennings		75		1			1	11	99	1	5000				125	525
Lake Charles	1	43		1	1		1	13	65	1	700			175		200
La Porte	4	70			1		2	14	75	1	1200					325
Pine Woods	8	15	1	1			1	8	40	1	1800					250
Port Arthur	4	62	1		1		3	21	30	2	2000			8		225
Raymond and Oberlin		9					1	8	30							
Texas City	4	58	1		4		1	5	30	1	1200					300
Welsh and Fenton		76			1		1		30	1	250					
Woodville																
Total	70	1053	5	10	33	25	16	136	736	12	20300	2	2700	1012	125	2040

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STATISTICS No. 3, Lake Charles District, Gulf Mission Conference for 1900.

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CHARGES.

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STATISTICS No. 3, Marshall District, Gulf Mission Conference for 1900.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.		SUP. OF P. E'DS.	SP. OF BISHOPS.	CON. C'MS.	CUR.	
		CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.				Leavees, Books, etc.	EX.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies
Atlanta.....	John Paul.....	145	20	165	154	20	174	
Faise River.....	J. Woodson.....	225	40	265	214	30	244	21
Hughes Springs.....	John Paul.....	60	60	120	59	105	164	1
Jefferson and Overton.....	N. L. Sayers.....	125	125	250	105	105	205	13
Layonia.....	J. F. Ragsdale.....	100	100	200	89	89	178	10
Mahon.....	G. B. Hines.....	400	400	800	369	369	738	31
Marshall and Noonday.....	Jean La Grone.....	60	60	120	40	40	80	20
Pinetille.....	Jean La Grone.....	65	65	130	30	30	60	35
Provincial.....	F. D. Van Valkenburgh.....	186	30	216	216			
Red River and Monroe.....	C. E. Mock.....	375	36	411	278	25	303	108
Rodessa.....	C. H. La Grone.....	50	50	100	20	20	40	30
Shelbyville.....	H. H. McCain.....	200	200	400	200			
Shreveport.....								
State Line.....								
West Harrison.....								
Wynn.....								
Marshall District.....		1805	96	1901	1744	105	1829	257
Lake Charles District.....		3290	230	3520	3604	290	3894	193
Grand Totals.....		5095	386	5481	5348	395	5723	450
Last year.....		5086	355	5441	4263	267	4530	1154
Gain.....		9	131	140	1085	128	1193	704
Loss.....								

STATISTICS No. 4, Lake Charles District, Gulf Mission Conference for 1900.

CHARGES.	MISSIONS.		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.		EDUC'N.		REPORTS.	
	Total.	Church.	Total.	Soc'y.	Total.	Soc'y.	Total.	Soc'y.
Baldwin	50	50	4	4	1	1	3	3
Beaumont Circuit.....	5	5	15	15	4	4	2	2
Crowley	22	22	4	4	1	1	1	1
Ebenezer.....	15	15	10	10	3	3	4	4
French Mission.....	68	68	15	15	2	2	1	1
Gueydan and Midland.....	25	25	20	20	3	3	5	5
Hortense	7	7	12	12	5	5	2	2
Jennings	2	2	2	2	3	3	1	1
Lake Charles	10	10	5	5	15	15	3	3
La Porte.....	23	23	7	7	3	3	1	1
Pine Woods	5	5	3	3	1	1	2	2
Port Arthur.....	5	5	3	3	1	1	5	5
Raymond and Oberlin.....	5	5	2	2	10	10	8	8
Texas City.....	5	5	3	3	7	7	9	9
Welsh and Fenton.....	5	5	2	2	1	1	2	2
Woodville.....	5	5	1	1	28	28	2	2
Total.....	158	158	84	84	107	107	14	14

PLAN OF EXAMINATIONS, 1900-1.

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EXAMINERS.	FOR ADMISSION.	FIRST YEAR.	SECOND YEAR.	THIRD YEAR.	FOURTH YEAR
J. G. Campbell, Lake Charles, La.	Stevens. Syllabi.	Rhetoric.*	Jevon's Logic.	Sermon.	Butler's Analogv.*
C. W. Campbell, Crowley, La.	English Brauches.	Harman.* Syllabi.	Harman.* Sermon.	Terry.*	Crooks and Hurst.*
L. W. Elkins, Jennings, La.	Nast's Catechism, Discipline.	Exegesis.* Christian Per'fe.	Exegesis.* Last 3 Books.	Exegesis.*	Exegesis.* Sermon.
H. O. Moore, Shelbyville, Tex.	Wheeler.	Sermon	Essay.	Hill.*	Row.
Thomas Wilson, Neume, La.	Merrill.	Miley.*	Miley.*	Hurst.	Hurst.
F. D. Van Valkenburg Port Arthur, Tex.	Montgomery. Sermon.	Essay.	Syllabi, 1st bks.	Essay.	Broadurs.*
Chas. K. Woodson, Alvin, Tex.	Life of Wesley. Essay.	Buckley.	Discipline.*	Foster.*	Syllabi,
J. Woodson, Atlanta, Tex.	Smith.	Fisher.	Fisher.	Syllabi.	Essay.

On all books "to be read" the candidate is required to present a syllabus in writing. Read very carefully Paragraph 57 Appendix, Discipline 1896. Examiners please prepare questions on studies marked thus *, and send to the chairman at Jennings before September 1. (See Section 3, Paragraph 57.) Candidates please be prepared for work on these studies not later than October. (See Section 4.) Candidates will notify chairman when ready. All work done in writing. (See Section 5, Paragraph 57.)

C. W. CAMPBELL, Registrar.
Crowley, La.

L. W. ELKINS, Chairman,
Jennings, La.

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